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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 14 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1999/1219 and S/1999/1239)*

Iraq (S/1999/1232)*

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Cyprus (S/1999/1203)

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting, to be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

Announcement

An open meeting of the Security Council will be held on Wednesday, 15 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in Africa". An informal note by the President of the Security Council concerning the aims of and procedures for the meeting was circulated to Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Missions by facsimile on 8 December 1999.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 49 (b)
(The Millennium Assembly of the United Nations)

10 a.m.	1st (closed) meeting	Conference Room 1

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

   (b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.38 and L.72

2. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [99]

   (f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.39 and L.73

   Programme budget implications in A/C.2/54/L.74

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.19 *(item 104)* and A/C.2/54/L.36 *(item 97 (c))*

2. Informal consultations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.25 *(item 97 (a))*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57, A/52/7/Add.2, A/54/431, A/C.5/54/29, A/C.5/54/33, A/54/7/Add.5, A/C.5/54/37, A/54/7/Add.8, A/54/6/Rev.1/Add.1, A/54/7/Add.6, A/53/641, A/C.5/54/26, A/54/520 and A/54/657))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 142 (Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/54/120, A/54/395, A/54/518 and Corr.1, A/C.5/54/30 and A/54/645)) and 143 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/54/496 and Corr.1, A/54/521, A/C.5/54/30, A/54/30, A/52/784 and A/54/646 and Add.1))

9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57, A/52/7/Add.2, A/54/431, A/C.5/54/29, A/C.5/54/33, A/54/7/Add.5, A/C.5/54/37, A/54/7/Add.8, A/54/6/Rev.1/Add.1, A/54/7/Add.6, A/53/641, A/C.5/54/26, A/54/520 and A/54/657))

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

9 a.m.- 11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 10 of the Statute)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 2 of the Statute)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crime

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 4 of the Statute)

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PARTS 6 AND 8 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.		Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security
2. Facilities management
3. Executive session on procurement-related arbitration
4. Procurement reform: exigency needs
5. Draft report

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Mexico) invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development", to be held *today*, 14 December 1999, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 9, and *tomorrow*, 15 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 39

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution A/54/L.23 (Code of Democratic Conduct), under agenda item 39 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies) *today*, 14 December 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In view of the continuation of the Second Committee, the meeting of the Council scheduled for *today*, 14 December, has been postponed to Thursday, 16 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. Informal consultations on all outstanding matters before the Council will be held on Wednesday, 15 December, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 14 December 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.-9.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on the Committee for Development Policy)

9 a.m.-9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(draft resolution: strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council as the central mechanism for the coordination of the activities of the United Nations system)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77
(on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development)

3 p.m.-4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on all pending issues)

6 p.m.-8 p.m	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Special meeting

In connection with the Millennium Assembly and Millennium Summit of the United Nations, a meeting of the Millennium Forum Planning Consultative Council will be held *today*, 14 December, and *tomorrow*, 15 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D. The meeting is open to members of the Planning Consultative Council, as well as to members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 15 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	79th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	80th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers [45]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/525)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.61)

2. International recognition of the Day of the Vesak: draft resolution (A/54/L.59) [174]

3. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/54/L.70) [20]

   (a) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/54/L.66, A/54/L.67, A.54/L.68, A/54/L.69) [20 (b)]

   (b) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/54/L.52) [20 (e)]

4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [30]

   (a) Draft resolution (A/54/L.64)

   (b) Amendment (A/54/L.65)

5. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [47]

   (a) Draft resolution (A/54/L.24/Rev.1)

   (b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/662)

6. General and complete disarmament [76]

   (a) Draft resolution "Q" (report of the First Committee (A/54/563, para. 64))

   (b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/663)

7. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina [42]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/549)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.63)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BRIEFING AND INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

There will be an open-ended briefing on safety and security of humanitarian personnel by representatives of the United Nations Security Coordinator and the Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on Wednesday, 15 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) will be held immediately after the briefing.

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The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold closed informal consultations with members of the Committee on Wednesday, 15 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal briefing on the preparations for the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be given by H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Co-chairman of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests. The briefing will be held on Friday, 17 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1999 session from 17 to 28 January 2000 in Conference Room 4. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1999/1.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Monday, 20 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Briefing

The Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, H. E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), and the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), will conduct a consultative briefing with delegations in relation to the preparation of the thirty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development (8-17 February 2000) and on preparations for the special session. The briefing will be held on Thursday, 16 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Special meeting

A special meeting to analyze the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers, sponsored by the Communications Coordination Committee for the United Nations, with the support of the Economic and Social Council and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will take place on Thursday, 16 December 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room D. H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho) will make opening remarks. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 13 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 46th meeting

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [142]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [143]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Pakistan and Uganda.

The Controller and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on these agenda items.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these agenda items would begin on Tuesday, 14 December, in the evening, under the chairmanship of Mr. Amjad Hussain B. Sial (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Development Account

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/54/37).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/54/7/Add.8).

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Mexico, Pakistan, the United States, Cuba, Colombia, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Venezuela, Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador, Guatemala and Chile.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Budget Division and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

(b) International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to document A/54/6/Rev.1/Add.1.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/54/7/Add.6).

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States and Cuba.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

(c) Natural disaster mitigation

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/54/641.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/54/7 part VI, para. 31).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

(d) Subvention request by UNIDIR

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/C.5/54/26.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/54/657).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Cuba.

The Controller replied to a question raised.

(e) Analysis of the organizational structure and personnel and technical resources of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the United Nations

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/54/520.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/54/657).

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, China, the Sudan, the United States, Cuba, Israel and Morocco.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on the above questions ((a)-(e)) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed, to consider and make appropriate recommendations on these reports in the context of the informal consultations on item 121 on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Implementation by UNCTAD of activities financed from the unspent balance and analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/54/501and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7/Add.3).

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Cuba.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that it take note of the information provided in the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/54/501 and concur with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Ukraine also on behalf of Belarus, introduced and orally revised draft decision A/C.5/54/L.16.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Cameroon and the Russian Federation.

The Chairman made a statement.

Election of a Vice-Chairman

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Dulce María Buergo Rodríguez (Cuba) as a Vice-Chairman of the Committee, to fill the vacant post following the departure of Ms. Judith María Cardoze (Panama).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.36

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/54/L.36, the requirements of $10,353,200 ($9,173,100 for MICAH and $1,180,100 for MICIVIH) would be charged against the provision of $90,387,200 for special missions requested in section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Committee also recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft decision orally proposed by the Chairman.

The Secretary of the Committee spoke on a point of clarification.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session 11th meeting

The representatives of the Netherlands, Argentina, South Africa, Norway, Lesotho and the United Republic of Tanzania reported on the progress carried out in their respective working groups.

The representatives of Australia, Turkey and Canada spoke.

The Chairman also spoke.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (10 December 1999)*

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. New York, 9 May 1992

Accession: Palau (10 December 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Palau (10 December 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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